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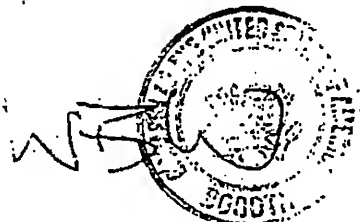
The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia and has the honor to refer to the Air Transport Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia of October 24, 1956 ("the 1956 Agreement") and to the understanding and amendments relating to the 1956 Agreement, effected by exchange of notes at Bogota on August 11, October 11, and November 22, 2000, as amended and extended ("the 2000 Agreement").

The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that paragraphs 1 and 3 of the understanding and amendments effected by the 2000 Agreement, currently set to expire on March 31, 2006, continue to apply through September 30, 2006. The Embassy anticipates that the proposed extension will provide the two Governments more time to finalize proposals for amending the above agreements, which have been the subject of recent bilateral correspondence and informal consultations.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Colombia, the Embassy further proposes that this note and the affirmative reply note from the Ministry shall constitute an agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia that shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's affirmative note in reply, with effect from March 31, 2006.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
Bogota D.C., March 23, 2006



DIPLOMATIC NOTE

INFORMAL TRANSLATION

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

OAJ/CAT No. 17081

Bogota D.C., March 31st, 2006

Mister Ambassador:

I am pleased to address to Your Excellency in reference to Diplomatic Note No. 0729 of that Embassy dated March 23rd, 2006, reading as follows:

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To Your Excellency
Mister WILLIAM BRAUCHER WOOD
Ambassador to the United States of America
Bogota D. C.

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Embassy of the United States of America
Bogota D.C., March 23, 2006"

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Colombia agrees with the proposal contained in the above mentioned Note, and in consequence, the Embassy's Note and the current Note constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which will enter into force on the date of the current Note, effective as of March 31st, 2006.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and distinguished consideration.

ALEJANDRO BORDA ROJAS
Viceminister Multilateral Affairs
Acting as Foreign Relations Minister